

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
Institutional Review Board Meeting
Minutes
June 23, 2020

ON PHONE

Janet Ahern
Dr. Margaret Scotellaro
Robin Albritton
Tammy Fuller
Arricka Newingham
Kim Mann
Janet Chandler
Brooke Taylor

EXCUSED

Rocell Cyrus

CALL TO ORDER

Janet Ahern called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Dr. Margaret Scotellaro made a motion to approve the minutes April 28, 2020.

Janet Chandler seconded the motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

NEW PROPOSALS

Charles Michalopolous. *Fatherhood in Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation - AMENDMENT.*

Great information that is needed. Would like to see some of these programs step out and focus on cognitive delays.

MOTION: Kim Mann motioned to approve the proposal.

Robin Albritton seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Michael Pergamit & Mark Courtney. *Evaluation the Family Unification Program.*

Data partner of Chapin Hall. Going to give DCFS 63 housing vouchers in order to get kids home faster. Concentrating on the city of Chicago.

Very well-designed study. Everything laid out well.

MOTION: Janet Chandler motioned to approve the proposal.

Tammy Fuller seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Dana Weiner. *Preparing for Child Welfare Capacity Changes post COVID-19 Restrictions.*

Rationale is the number of calls during March through May was 50% lower than the same time period in 2019. The thinking that in addition to children going back to school in the fall, that the volume may surge or be higher than average. This is an attempt to predict what things may look like in the fall when the kids go back to school.

Just a comparison of numbers and no one should be surprised at the reports.

MOTION: Kim Mann motioned to approve the proposal.

Janet Chandler seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

OTHER:

Stephen Budde Surveys. Surveyed every entity in the court except the parents. Many will tell parents not to participate – which they can choose to do. A formal IRB does not seem to be necessary – as we have looked at this program in the past. This is an evaluative component of the program. The larger evaluation is under Chapin Hall and they have reviewed it as well.

Tawny Spinelli, Ellie Bruckner & Cassandra Kisiel Manuscript. Interesting report. No feedback to offer.

Next meeting re-scheduled for July 28, 2020 at 2 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.